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1. The Communists in Sao Paulo are reported to be willing to take up arms in defense of the autonomy of the State so as to acquire arms "legally," which they will later use to assume control of the State. For this reason they are ready to support Governor de Barros against President Dutra, in spite of their dislike of the Governor.
2. It has been reported that on 26 March 1948 the Governor sent an emissary to Milton Cairo de Brito, a Communist leader in Sao Paulo, in an attempt to secure his support in the struggle for autonomy. Brito refused to see the emissary.

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**Comment:** It is to be noted that Brito and several signatories of a Communist proclamation opposing federal intervention in Sao Paulo were arrested on 31 March 1948, shortly after the Minister of War visited Sao Paulo and held lengthy discussions with the Governor.

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